

## FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. H4352

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TO: The Honorable James H. Harrison, Chairman, House Judiciary Committee  
 FROM: Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board  
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AUTHOR: Representative Huggins PRIMARY CODE CITE: 7-5-200  
 SUBJECT: Photograph on Voter Registration Certificate

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## ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

A Cost to the General Fund (See Below)

## ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL &amp; OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES IS:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

**BILL SUMMARY:**

The proposed Bill requires that a voter registration certificate contain a photograph of the elector and other information as the State Election Commission may require. Implementation of this Bill would be phased in during a period of time not to exceed three years from the effective date of this act.

**EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:**

The following is a projected cost to place a photograph on a voter registration certificate. There are approximately 2.3 million registered voters in the State of South Carolina.

	1st year	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year	3 <sup>rd</sup> Year	Recurring
Equipment	\$775,000			
Materials/Envelopes/Postage	1,032,000	1,032,000	1,032,000	\$415,000
Data processing/personnel	117,600	117,600	117,600	25,000
Software development	250,000			
Training - counties	50,000			
Totals	\$2,224,600	\$1,149,600	\$1,149,600	\$440,000

It is estimated there will be a recurring cost of approximately \$440,000 to register new voters with the photograph on the voter registration certificate and to maintain the equipment and system in the State Election Commission Office and the forty-six county election offices.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:**

None.

**SPECIAL NOTES:**

None.

Approved by:



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